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In re Patent No. 7,580,466 :  
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Issue Date: August 25, 2009 :  
Application No. 10/555,530 : DECISION ON REQUEST FOR  
Filed: November 3, 2005 : RECONSIDERATION OF  
Attorney Docket No. 2257- : PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT  
0255PUS1 :  
Title: Demodulation Device and :  
Demodulation Method :

This is a decision on the "REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.705(d)", filed October 23, 2009. Patentee requests the final PTA calculation to increase total PTA from 638 days to 933 days.

The application for reconsideration of patent term adjustment is **Dismissed**.

The above-identified application matured into U.S. Patent No. 7,580,466 on August 25, 2009. The patent issued with a patent term adjustment of 638 days. This request for reconsideration of patent term adjustment was timely filed within two months of the issue date of the patent. See, 37 CFR 1.705(d). Patentee requests that the patent term adjustment determination for the above-identified patent be changed from 638 days to 933 days.

Patentee requests recalculation of the patent term adjustment based on the decision in Wyeth v. Dudas, 580 F. Supp. 2d 138, 88 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1538 (D.D.C. 2008). Patentee asserts that pursuant to Wyeth, patentee is entitled to 295 additional days over the USPTO calculation for a total of 933 days. Patentee maintains that the period of adjustment due to the Three Year Delay by the Office, pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.703(b), 295 days, does not overlap with the 638 day period of adjustment due to examination

delay, pursuant to 37 CFR §1.702(a), as these periods do not occur on the same day.

Thus, patentee requests that the determination of patent term adjustment be increased by 295 days to a total of nine hundred thirty-three (933) days (the sum of the period of three-year delay (295 days) and the period of examination delay (638 days)).

Patentees' calculation of the period of overlap is inconsistent with the Office's interpretation of this provision. 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(A) limits the adjustment of patent term, as follows:

to the extent that the periods of delay attributable to grounds specified in paragraph (1) overlap, the period of any adjustment granted under this subsection shall not exceed the actual number of days the issuance of the patent was delayed.

Likewise, 37 CFR 1.703(f) provides that:

To the extent that periods of delay attributable to the grounds specified in §1.702 overlap, the period of adjustment granted under this section shall not exceed the actual number of days the issuance of the patent was delayed.

As explained in *Explanation of 37 CFR 1.703(f) and of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Interpretation of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(A)*, 69 Fed. Reg. 34283 (June 21, 2004), the Office interprets 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(A) as permitting either patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(i)-(iv), or patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B), but not as permitting patent term adjustment under both 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(i)-(iv) and 154(b)(1)(B). Accordingly, the Office implements the overlap provision as follows:

If an application is entitled to an adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B), the entire period during which the application was pending (except for periods excluded under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B)(i)-(iii)), and not just the period beginning three years after the actual filing date of the application, is the period of delay under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B) in determining whether periods of delay overlap under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(A). Thus, any days of

delay for Office issuance of the patent more than 3 years after the filing date of the application, which overlap with the days of patent term adjustment accorded prior to the issuance of the patent will not result in any additional patent term adjustment. See 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B), 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(A), and 37 CFR § 1.703(f). See *Changes to Implement Patent Term Adjustment Under Twenty Year Term; Final Rule*, 65 Fed. Reg. 56366 (Sept. 18, 2000). See also *Revision of Patent Term Extension and Patent Term Adjustment Provisions; Final Rule*, 69 Fed. Reg. 21704 (April 22, 2004), 1282 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 100 (May 18, 2004). See also *Explanation of 37 CFR 1.703(f) and of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Interpretation of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(A)*, 69 Fed. Reg. 34283 (June 21, 2004).

As such, the period for over 3 year pendency does not overlap only to the extent that the actual dates in the period beginning three years after the date on which the application commenced overlap with the actual dates in the periods for failure of the Office to take action within specified time frames.

In this instance, the relevant period under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B) in determining whether periods of delay "overlap" under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(2)(A) is the entire period during which the application commenced, November 3, 2005, until the issuance of the patent on August 25, 2009. 638 days of patent term adjustment were accorded for Office delay pursuant to 37 CFR §1.702(a)(1). Entry of both 295 days pursuant to 37 CFR §1.702(b) and 638 days pursuant to 37 CFR §1.702(a) is neither permitted nor warranted. The Office did not delay 638 days and then another 295 days. The greater period, 638 days, is the actual number of days issuance of the patent was delayed by the Office.

Accordingly, at issuance, the Office properly entered no additional days of patent term adjustment.

In view thereof, the Office affirms that the revised determination of patent term adjustment indicated on the patent at issuance of the patent is 683 days.

The Office acknowledges submission of the \$200.00 fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.18(e). No additional fees are required.

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